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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

- 1. (previously presented) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end, comprising:
- a releasable clamp slidably connected to the shaft;
- a support member slidably connected within the releasable clamp; and
- a guard member connected to and extending outwardly from a second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings projected from the head of the grass trimming device.
- 2. (previously presented) The guard of claim 1 wherein the support member has a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft.
- 3. (previously presented) The guard of claim 1 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.
- 4. (previously presented) The guard of claim 1 wherein the guard member is made of flexible material.
- 5. (previously presented) The guard of claim 1 wherein the guard is positioned at a 90 degree angle to the shaft of the grass trimming device.

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- 6. (previously presented) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end, comprising:
- a releaseable clamp slidably connected to the shaft;
- a support member slidably connected within the releasable clamp;
- a flexible brush member connected to and extending outwardly from a second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings projected from the head; and
- a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft of the grass trimming device;
- wherein the flexible brush member is positioned at a 90 degree angle to the shaft.
- 7. (previously presented) The guard of claim 6 wherein the support member is slidably connected to the shaft.
- 8. (previously presented) The guard of claim 6 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.
- 9. (previously presented) The guard of claim 6 wherein the guard member is made of a flexible material.
- 10. (cancelled).
- 11. (previously presented) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end comprising:
- a support member connected to the shaft at a first end of the support member;

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a flexible brush member connected to a second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings projected from the head; and

wherein the flexible brush member is positioned at a 90° angle to the shaft.

- 12. (previously presented) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member is slidably connected to the shaft.
- 13. (previously presented) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member has a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft.
- 14. (previously presented) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.

## 15. (cancelled)

16. (previously presented) The guard of claim 6 wherein the adjustable means is a plurality of holes that are used to adjust the vertical distance between the guard member and the shaft.